

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-6 and 49 will be pending in the present patent application. All other claims are cancelled.

The Office Action includes rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. In view of the remarks to follow, Applicants request that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 8 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants have cancelled claim 8 and therefore render moot the instant rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

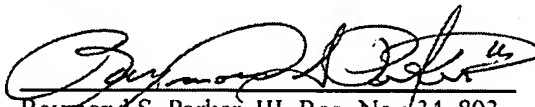
Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Action of record. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an indication of allowability and an early Notice of Allowance are requested respectfully.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required and any additional fees that may be needed to Deposit Account No. **18-1982** in the name of sanofi-aventis U.S. Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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